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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed 06/26/2009 has not been entered, since the scope of the claims has changed. Claims 1-6 remain pending in the application.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 06/26/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The following comment(s) apply:

Applicants' proposed amendment does exclude a polypropylene-based compound of Sato et al., however further search would be required since the type of polypropylene compound has been narrowed.

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